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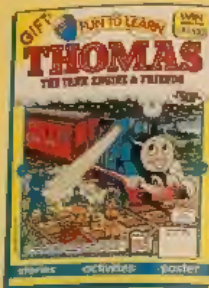
**stories**

**activities**

**poster**



## Night time



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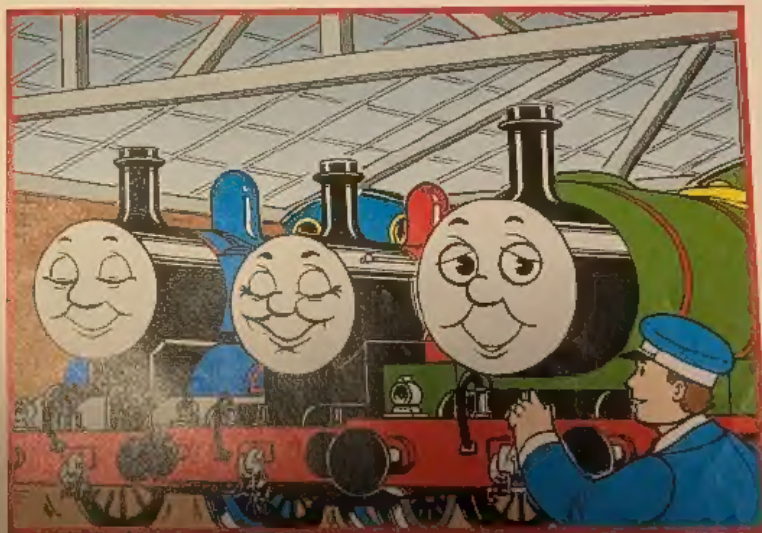
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### A read aloud story

# THE MILK TRAIN



1 Percy puffed into the engine shed early one evening. "Have we finished work already?" he asked his driver. "That's right, Percy," his driver replied. "We must all get to sleep early as we have to get up in the night to pull the milk train."



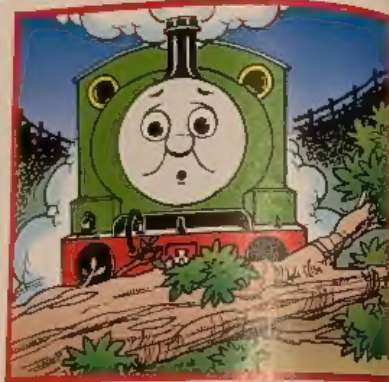
**2** Percy's driver came to wake him in the night. It was very dark and Percy did not want to wake up but his driver said, "Come on, Percy. If we don't pull this train tonight, the children will not have any milk for their breakfast in the morning." This made Percy wake up and get to work.



3 Milk trucks behave well and Percy was soon pulling them down the main line

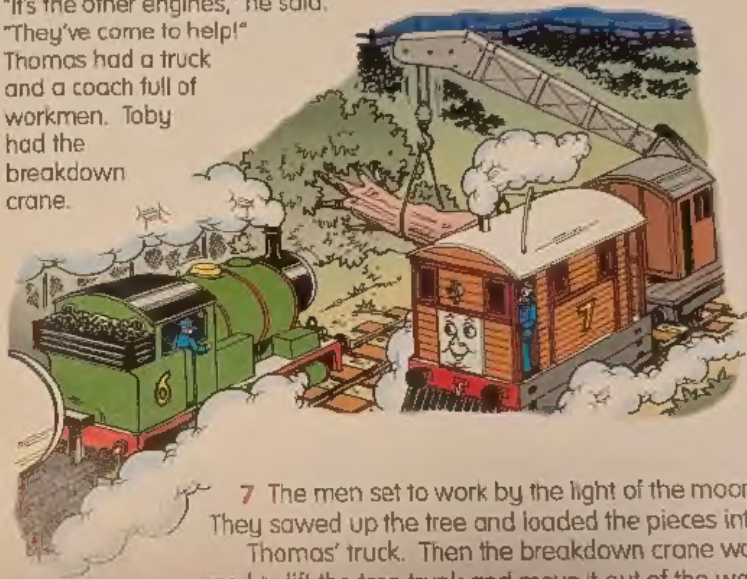


4 Suddenly he saw a dark shape in front of him. "Stop! Stop!" he shouted. His driver applied the brakes and Percy steamed to a stop in front of a big tree which had blown down from an embankment. "Now what shall we do?" asked Percy. "If we cannot get past, the children will have no milk in the morning."



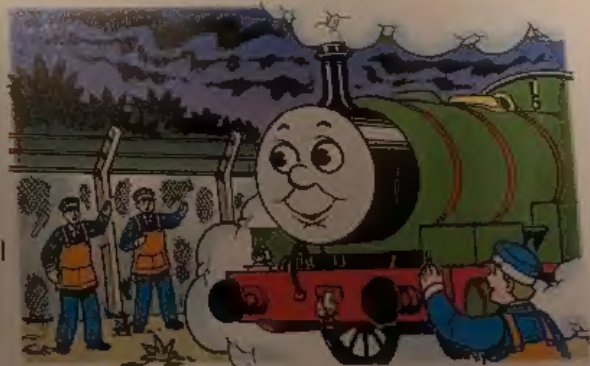
5 Percy's fireman ran to a signal box and the signalman made lots of telephone calls. Percy waited in front of the tree for what seemed like a very long time. It was a dark night and he was glad his driver was with him.

6 At last he heard engines' whistles! "It's the other engines," he said. "They've come to help!" Thomas had a truck and a coach full of workmen. Toby had the breakdown crane.



7 The men set to work by the light of the moon. They sawed up the tree and loaded the pieces into Thomas' truck. Then the breakdown crane was used to lift the tree trunk and move it out of the way.

8 "Thank you, everyone," said Percy as he puffed off down the line. "Now all the children can have milk for breakfast."





# COUNTING TIME

Here are some of the things that can be seen at night on the Fat Controller's Railway.



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mail trucks



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milk trucks



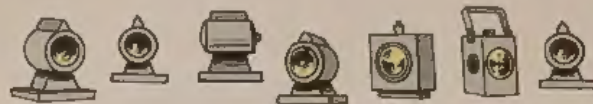
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sleeper coaches



1

maintenance train



7

engines' headlamps



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guards' torches



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sleepy engines

How many stars can the Fat Controller see?

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Draw 3 more.

How many stars are there altogether?

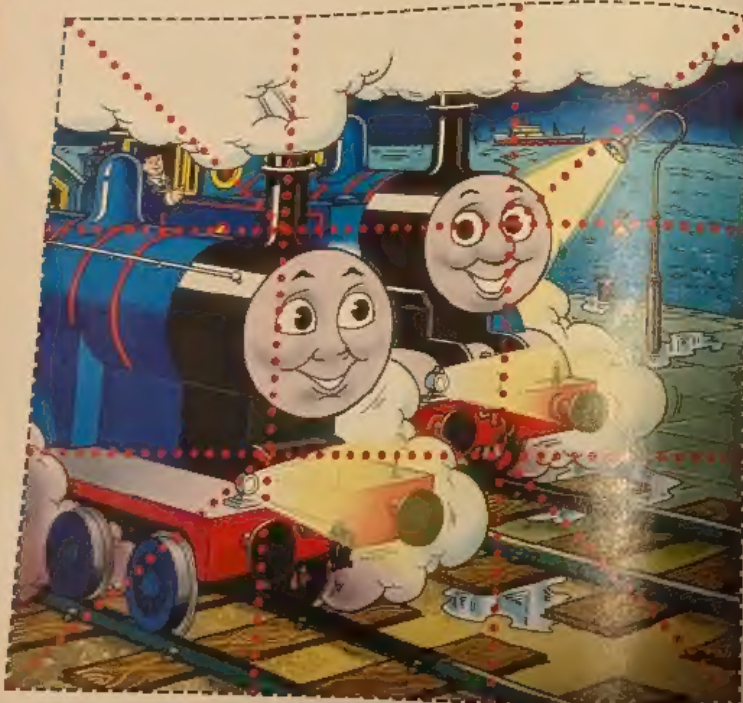
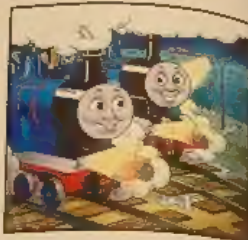
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# MAKE A JIGSAW

When you have finished reading your magazine, remove this page and mount it on card. Ask an adult to help you cut out the pieces along the dotted lines. Put the jigsaw together again, using the small picture to help.



# COMPETITION

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**Answer:** .....

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First Name Surname

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# ENGINES AT NIGHT.



Thomas and Percy are very cross at being woken up in the middle of the night. "Hurry up," says Harold. "Something very exciting is about to happen down at the harbour!"

Point to Harold the helicopter.



This is the harbour at night time. It looks very quiet.

Can you see the moon in the sky?

yes ☒

(tick ☒ the box with the correct answer)

no ☐

Down at the harbour Percy and Duck are getting very excited. "Something is being delivered from that boat," sings Percy.

What colour is Percy?

(tick ☒ the box with the correct answer)

red ☐  
green ☒



What a splendid surprise! The Chinese Dragon is being carefully lifted off the boat, to join Thomas and his friends.

How many guards can you count?

2 ☐

What number engine is Thomas?

1 ☐



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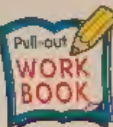
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## THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS



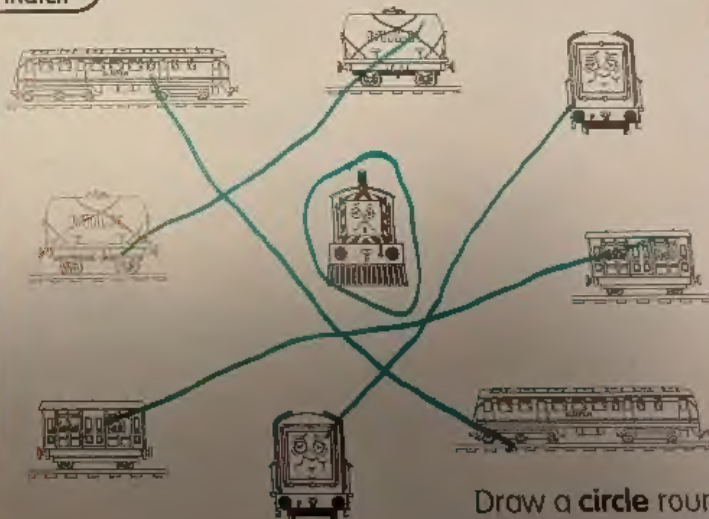
My name is .....

Age

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Draw lines to match each engine to its partner.



Draw a circle round the odd one out.

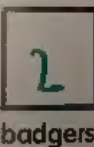
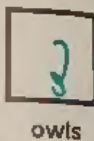
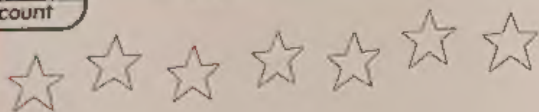


The Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends pull-out workbook is designed to encourage practice in all basic pre-school and pre-reading skills, with your child's favourite Thomas characters to add to the fun.





Write the numbers in the boxes.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10







Draw **Percy** in the space.

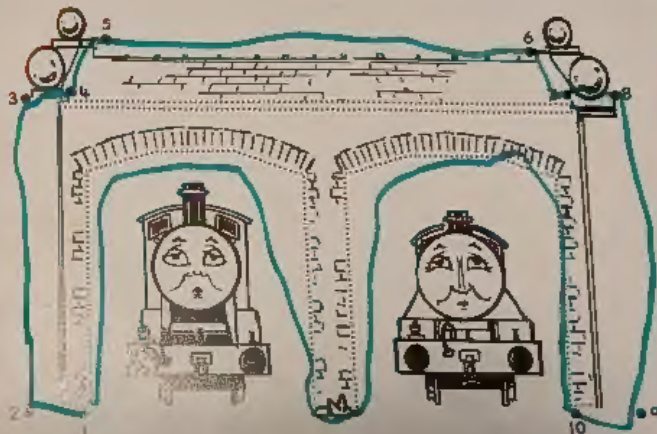


P is for **Percy**

(Write over the letters, starting at the dots)



Join the dots to find out where the tired engines go to sleep at night.



Then go over the dots without numbers to finish the picture.

**Shshshsh!**

(Write over the letters, starting at the dots)





## Working at Night

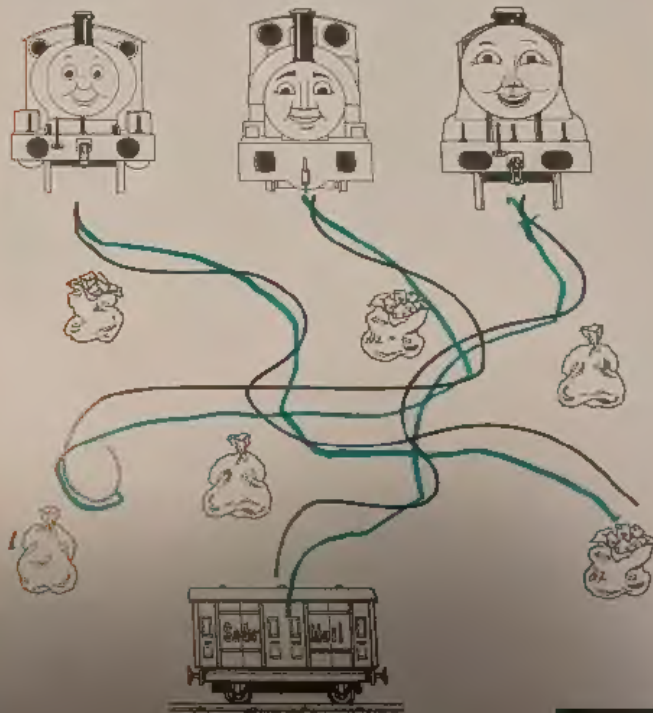
Stations are closed, no people in sight,  
But a railway is still very busy at night.  
Heavy freight trains, trains bringing the mail,  
And passengers sleep as they travel by rail.  
No stopping at stations means trains can go fast,  
All through the night until morning, at last.



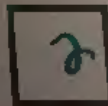
Draw a circle  
round the truck  
that carries the  
mail at night.



Follow the lines to find out which engine  
will pull the Sodor mail coach tonight.



How many **sacks of post** can you see?





## CHECK LIST

Put a tick ☒ in the boxes by the pages you have done



# THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE



**It's Bertie!**



James is  
very happy!



Thomas going  
into a tunnel!



**Percy**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1. What is the name of the person who is the author of the book?   
 2. What is the title of the book?   
 3. What is the publisher of the book?   
 4. What is the year of publication?   
 5. What is the price of the book?   
 6. What is the ISBN number?   
 7. What is the subject of the book?   
 8. What is the genre of the book?   
 9. What is the length of the book?   
 10. What is the format of the book?





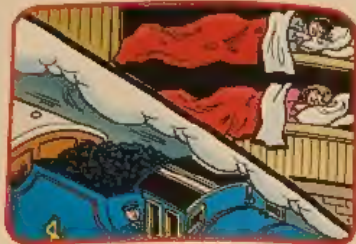
This fine old **Saddle Tank**, was built in Sheffield. It is hauling a train load of coal on the night shift at the Clipstone Colliery in Nottinghamshire. **Point to the coal trucks.**







**NIGHT WORK**  
The Fat Controller's engines work hard at night as well as by day.



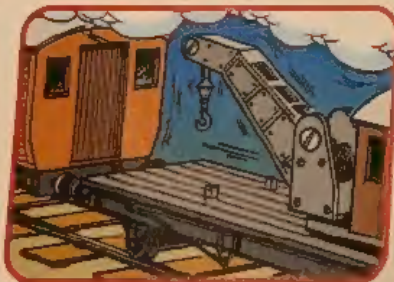
Sometimes Gordon pulls the night sleeper express.



Edward pulls heavy goods trains.



And Thomas pulls a special train for the maintenance crew.



The maintenance train has a crane, a tool truck and a coach for the crew.



The crew work hard all night, to keep the lines running smoothly.

By morning, Thomas is ready to sleep. He has worked hard all night long!



How many **workmen** are waving goodbye to Thomas?

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Thomas Toasters are delicious toast shapes available in a New of Apple and New Chocolate Flavour - available in selected supermarkets. They are ideal for a fun dessert or tasty treat for your kids.

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Spot the differences between these two pictures of Thomas and

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**ACTIVITY TRAIN**



There are 3 differences between the two pictures of Thomas above. Can you spot them? Find them and send under. Mark clearly and put a ring around the differences in picture 2. How far can you see? Write down and stick it on a piece of paper and send with your name, age and address, your school and telephone number. Did you know that in 1985, Thomas the Tank Engine was the most popular toy in the world? Send your entry to: **THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE & FRIENDS ACTIVITY TRAIN**, c/o The Redan Company Ltd, Ramillies Building, 1/4 Hills Place, London W1R 1AG. Please make clearly any entry if you do not want your personal details to be released for further correspondence.

## PEEP! PEEP!

### New Engine Giveaway

Win one of these great new engines from

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6 lucky readers will have the chance to win either a Battery Operated Thomas the Tank Engine, a new collectable Sir Handel or a new collectable Duncan.

#### HOW TO ENTER

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## PRIZE PHOTO



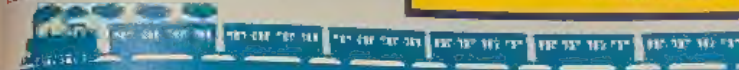
This great picture is of Cameron MyArthur aged 3 and his brother Evan from Lumbury. This wonderful model of Thomas the Tank Engine was made by their Uncle Alex. What a lucky pair!



Cameron wins this super Thomas the Tank Engine Ticket Office from

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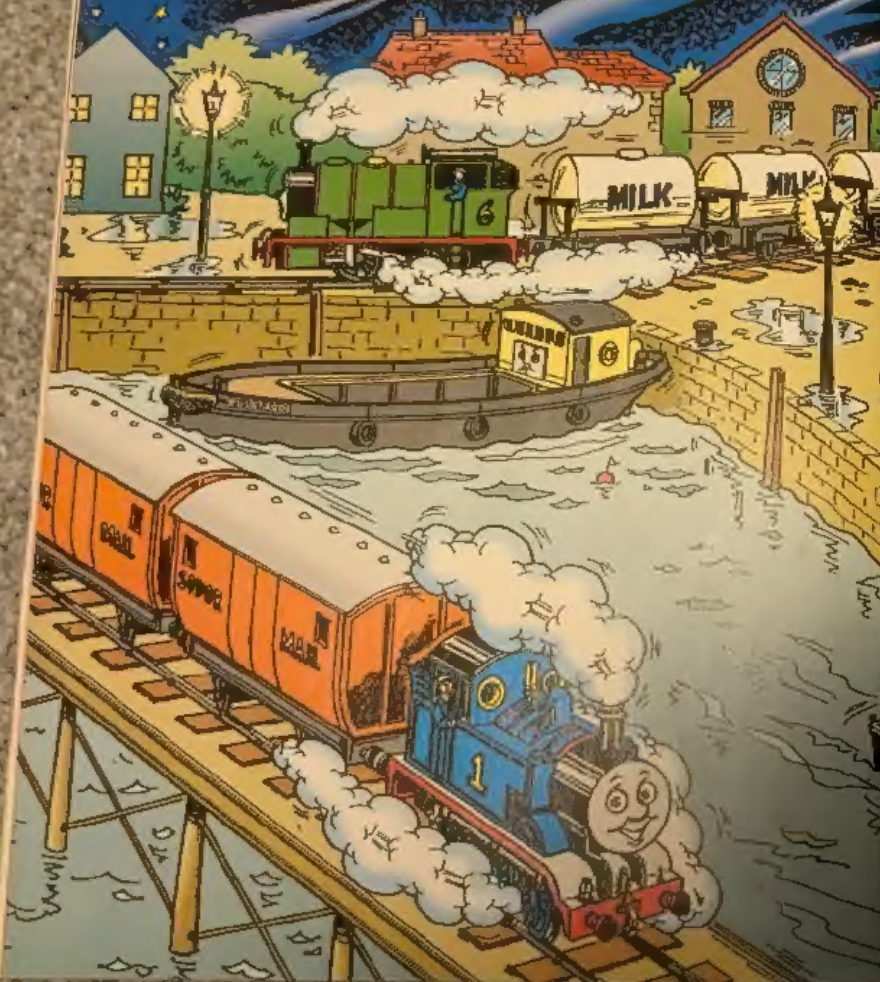
Underneath each picture write the letter it begins with, to spell the name of some things that come out at night!



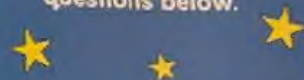
The letters are: s for sock, t for tiger, a for apple, r for rainbow and s for sun.



# STARRY NIGHT



It's a lovely starry night on the Island of Sodor. Look carefully at the picture and answer the questions below.



◆ Is James in the picture?

Yes ☒

No ☐



◆ What colour are the stars in the sky?



◆ What is Thomas doing in the picture?



◆ Point to Bulstrode the Barge.



◆ How many milk trucks can you count?

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You may use your gold and silver stars to make the night sky twinkle!





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# GOODBYE



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